

REMARKS

This Amendment, submitted in response to the Office Action dated November 5, 2004, is believed to be fully responsive to each point of rejection raised therein. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-42 remain pending in the application. Claims 1-36 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as not being enabled by the specification due to omissions of the relative fluorophore decay times. Claims 37-42 have been objected to for depending on rejected base claims but have been deemed allowable over the art of record.

With regard to the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, Applicant obviates the Section 112 rejection by including the allowable subject matter of pending claim 37 to independent claim 1. The subject matter of prior pending claim 8 is also included in claim 1 to describe the invention more particularly.

In view of the above, Applicant submits that claims 1-6, 9-36, 38-41 are in condition for allowance. Therefore it is respectfully requested that the subject application be passed to issue at the earliest possible time. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary.

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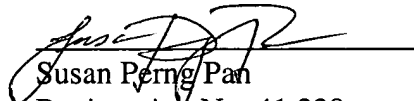
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